



2020 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 17

Introduced by: The Committee on Appropriations at the request of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

1 **An Act to make an appropriation for the plugging and surface reclamation of natural**
 2 **gas wells and to declare an emergency.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the general fund the sum of seven hundred
 5 twenty-seven thousand seven hundred dollars (\$727,700), or so much thereof as may be
 6 necessary, to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, for purposes of the
 7 plugging and surface reclamation of natural gas wells.

8 **Section 2.** The funds appropriated in section 1 of this Act may be expended solely for
 9 purposes of well plugging and surface reclamation activities required under rules promulgated
 10 by the Board of Minerals and Environment under § 45-9-11. The activities performed and the
 11 costs incurred shall be approved by the secretary of environment and natural resources before
 12 the commencement of the work.

13 **Section 3.** The secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources shall
 14 approve vouchers and the state auditor shall draw warrants to pay expenditures authorized
 15 by this Act.

16 **Section 4.** Any amounts appropriated in this Act not lawfully expended or obligated shall
 17 revert in accordance with procedures prescribed in chapter 4-8.

18 **Section 5.** Whereas, this Act is necessary for the support of the state government and its
 19 existing public institutions, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Act shall be in
 20 full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.